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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: Report of the House Foreign Operations and Government
Information Subcommittee on Use of the Polygraph in
the Federal Government

1. I reviewed in some detail with Mr. William Barnaby of the Information Committee Staff the preliminary draft of a Committee report on the use of the polygraph. In present format the draft sets forth in chart form the responses of government agencies to the questions proposed by the Committee. There did not appear to be anything noteworthy or unexpected in the responses of the various agencies. The Committee Staff, however, did appear to be somewhat critical of the cooperation of some agencies and in the tone of the report provided by other agencies.

2. The response of the Central Intelligence Agency to the Committee questionnaire appeared to be highlighted in the draft format due to the number of questions not answered because of security classification and the position of the Agency's responses at the midpoint of the chart.

3. The footnote to the chart in explanation of the missing CIA answers indicated that the Agency had stated in its letter that such responses would be classified. It was suggested to Mr. Barnaby that the Committee might want to cite 50 U.S.C. 403(g) as authority for the Agency's failure to respond rather than using just the uninformative statement that the response to the questions was a classified matter. Mr. Barnaby appeared to feel that a more concrete statement in the footnote would be worthwhile and indicated that he would pursue the matter and keep me advised.

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